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UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment allowance is being paid by the State Governments to registered job seekers who could not get employment within 15 days of receipt of their application under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c) Section 7(1) of NREG Act, 2005 provides for payment of unemployment allowance by the State Government to an applicant if he/she is not provided employment within 15 days of receipt of application seeking employment or from the date on which the employment has been sought in case of an advance application, whichever is later.

Unemployment allowance is paid by the State Governments from their own resources. As per reports available from the State Governments, unemployment allowance has been paid by Government of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Karnataka. Details of the unemployment allowance paid by these States are as under.

S.No.	Name of the State	Details of the unemployment allowance paid
1	Madhya Pradesh	During 2006-07, In Badwani district, 1574 applicants were paid a sum of Rs. 4,75,386 as unemployment allowance
2	Orissa	A total of 543 job seekers have been paid Rs. 1,03,462 as unemployment allowance in three districts viz.Nawarangpur, Kalahandi and Bolangir.
3	Karnataka	679 applicants have been paid Rs.1,68,068 as unemployment allowance in 8 Gram Panchayats of Raichur district.

No unemployment allowance has been paid by the Governments of Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Nagaland. Information from the remaining States is being collected.